SSI Units upto 24 per cent. The other policy measures which are under formulation relate to Limited Partnership Act, Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme for small scale units in rural and backward areas, package for tiny sector, etc.

**Joint Venture between Du Pont and Thapar Group**

2989. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tie-up proposal between Du Pont of USA and Thapar Group for manufacture of Nylon 66 and Spandex Fibres is yet to be given clearance even after a delay of many years;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to recent press reports that Du Pont is backing up from the venture alleging discrimination and cost overruns from Rs. 180 crores to Rs. 500 crores; and

(c) whether Du-Ponts backing out would dampen the enthusiasm of new investors coming our way under the liberalised economic policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The company has informed that M/s Thapar and M/s Du Pont are fully committed to the project.

(c) Does not arise.

**Clearance to foreign investors**

2990. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given clearance to the multinational fastfood chain Mc Burger (Mc Donald) of USA to set up shops in India;

(b) if so, whether Government would also consider clearing such proposals as coming from foreign investors in the priority core sector with equal efficiency; and

(c) whether Government would consider restricting foreign investments only to priority|core sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) M/s McDonald's Corporation, USA have been given approval on 15th February, 1993 to set up a wholly owned subsidiary in India, for setting up McDonald's restaurants.

(b) and (c) Approvals for direct foreign investment upto 51 per cent foreign equity in high priority industries listed in Annex-III of the New Industrial Policy are issued by the Reserve Bank of India within a period of two weeks.

Other foreign investment proposals, including proposals for foreign investment in non-Annex-III areas are also considered and cleared on merit by the Government generally within a period of 45 days.

2291. [*Transferred to 26th March*, 1993]

1992. [*Transferred to 24th March*, 1993]

2993. [*Transferred to 20th March*, 1993]

**Representation of women in decision making bodies**

2994. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleasd to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Women entrepreneurs have demanded effective representation in various official decision-making bodies in or-

der to harness their talents and potential and enable them to play a much wider role in boosting the country's economy;

(b) if so, what are the industry-wise details of the women representatives in the various official decision-making bodies; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to enhance the representation of women entrepreneurs in the official decision-making bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A representation has been received from one of the National Level Associations (Women Wing) for representation.

(b) The Government have constituted the small scale industries board for making recommendations on policies and programmes related to Small Scale Industries Development in the country. This Board has also constituted a Standing Committee on development of women entrepreneurs. Industry-wise representation are not made in this committee as it would be too un-weildy. However, while the SSI Board has three women members, the Standing Committee has 10 women members out of 12 which includes women entrepreneurs and their associations.

(c) There is a provision to co-opt some additional members in the Standing Committee on development of women entrepreneurs.

**Irregularities in Investment by PSUs**

2995. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Industry failed to monitor properly or check irregularities in investments made by the public sector units in various banks;

(b) if so, whether Government would fix responsibility; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons of various irregularities in investment by some public sector units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. As per the Charter of functions/responsibilities for this Ministry, they are not called upon to monitor or check irregularities in investments made by the Public Sector Units in various banks.

(b) Does not arise, in view of above.

(c) Various committees set up by the Government are expected to spell out the reasons of irregularities.

**Export of coir goods**

@2996. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been export of coir goods during the last three financial years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, separately, year-wise with the names of countries of export;

(c) what amount of foreign exchange has been earned separately during each year;

(d) whether Government propose to take some steps to increase the export of coir goods in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the rearons therefor?

@Previously Unstarred Question 2267, transferred from 12th March, 1993.